



**Cory Elementary PTA General Membership Meeting
1.10.2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Cory Elementary PTA general meeting was called to order at 8:45am by Kristine Hawthorne (President). Alison Durnavich (Secretary) recorded the minutes.

2. ROLL CALL

5 Board Members were in attendance: Kristine Hawthorne (President), Debbie Fimple (Treasurer), Anastasia Glennie (VP), Marti Freeman (VP) and Alison Durnavich (Secretary).

Cory representation: Amber Bourgeois

Also in attendance: See attached list

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

Mark Smiley "moved to approve the minutes from December's PTA meeting." The motion was approved.

4. PRINCIPAL UPDATE - Amber Bourgeois on behalf of Joan Wieser

- Teachers spent January 6, 2020 planning and analyzing data in literacy and math. Goal is to get and give high level feedback to students.
- CSC and Cory's school leadership team met re: the budget for 2020-2021.
 - On January 17, 2020, Cory will get its finalized budget from DPS and work from there.
 - The PTA will be financially supporting full-time specials and paraprofessionals - Joan is aware of this as she is planning her budget.
 - The PTA Board will also be working with Joan on what the Spring Auction's paddle raise will fund - Possibly STEAM needs?
 - Shahla Hebets (CSC member), stated that Cory will be in a good place, budget-wise, for the 2020-21 with the PTA's support.
 - Looking at the possibility of a foreign language teacher in the 2021-2022 school year.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES - Anastasia Glennie

- Art Night - Christine VonGunden
 - Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 5:30-7:00pm

- Will have sensory activities, pizza provided by the PTA, and mobile art gallery will be present.
- Still looking for volunteers to help plan, as well as for the night of the event.

- Spring Auction - Cougars and Cowboys - April 24, 2020
 - Naurin Gilger and Danielle Gooden are co-chairs
 - Still need to fill the lead position for the silent auction - Contact Danielle Gooden at daniellegumina@yahoo.com or Naurin Gilger at nauringilger@gmail.com for information.

- Dine Out (Erlen Marsh) and Work out (Naurin Gilger)
 - We raised over \$1500 at the Bull and Bush Dine Out - the highest amount a dine out has ever raised.
 - January 15, 2020 is our next Dine Out at Bonnie Brae Tavern.
 - We are working on Fire in the Mountain in Wash Park (Alameda and Logan) for February's Dine Out.
 - The December 12, 2019 Work Out at Shred415 was a huge success; Colorado Athletic Club will host a Work Out on January 10, 2020.
 - February's Work Out is at Trans on February 12, 2020 and is already sold out; March's Work Out will be at Compass Fitness.

- Garden/Chicken Updates - Summer Griffin
 - Chicken/Coop training coming up; we are still trying to get Merrill involved in caring for the chickens.
 - The Garden will start up in February/March.

- Spooky Story Night is still in the works to be rescheduled with a wellness/kindness/gratitude theme later this winter, or early spring.

- Sponsorships - Marti Freeman
 - The first meeting will be held on Friday January 17, 2020 at 8:45am at the Starbucks on Colorado Blvd. and Arizona.
 - We need additional volunteers to help secure sponsorships for Cory.

- Safety Committee - Kelly Woodward
 - We are looking into having a mental health speaker come in and speak to parents - Elementary age appropriate topics?
 - We are still waiting on DPS to come out and ensure there is full coverage with Cory's camera system.
 - Sidewalks along Florida are still a work in progress.
 - We want to improve the crosswalk on Iowa near Cory's Kiss and Go - Committee will ask DPS and Paul Kashmann the best way to go about doing this.
 - We received a bid for traffic/safety signage around Cory based on teacher feedback (teachers who monitor parking, crosswalks, and Kiss and Go)
 - Best way to pay for this? Facilities or PTA?
 - Committee will start with DPS to see if they will fund and if not, we will move to PTA dollars to cover the cost of signage and installation - Kelly Woodward will report back at February PTA meeting.

6. BUDGET - Debbie Fimple

- Recurring payments and matching company donations are still coming through for Friends of Cory.
- A portion of Colorado tax refunds can be donated to Cory - more information to come soon.
- The Work Outs for Cory are raising great money.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Jennifer Grumann raised the question as to whether there is a way to fine-tune the EduKits so there is not as much waste (excess supplies) and/or it's not too cost-prohibitive for some families to purchase.
 - Karyn Chotin is in charge of EduKits - Jennifer Grumann will reach out to her to see if they are customizable.
 - Jennifer Grumann will also reach out to the teachers to get their thoughts on EduKits and the amount of supplies actually needed for each student/school year.
 - Possibility to donate excess supplies to a school in need?
- Holiday giving for the support staff raised over \$4000 - We use a formula to equitably distribute the money raised amongst the staff.
- Broader family involvement in the PTA/CSC
 - PTA Happy Hour on January 23, 2020 at Brightmarten, from 6:30-8:30pm - Goal is to get more families of younger kids to get to know Cory families and find opportunities to get involved.
 - Sharon Glode suggested doing an anonymous survey to see what families think of the PTA, how we can be more inclusive and accessible - Sharon Glode offered to set up survey.
 - Another option could be a PTA/CSC comment/suggestion box in the front office.

8. UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

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| 1/15 | Dine Out at Bonnie Brae Tavern |
| 1/20 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL |
| 1/23/20 | PTA Happy Hour |
| 2/17/20 | President's Day - NO SCHOOL |
| 2/11-25 | Mobile Art Display from CherryArts |

9. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned by Kristine Hawthorne at 9:55 am.

Alison Durnavich

Secretary

Date: _____

Attachment: Roll Call

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